



Meeting Summary – February 27, 2003

I. Complaints

C 02-48: Found probable cause that Barbara Hagan appeared before Community Council #5 without properly registering as a lobbyist. The Commission dismissed the complaint and ordered a letter of instruction be issued.

C 03-01: Found probable cause that Sylvester Lukis was not properly registered as a lobbyist when he met with the county Public Works Department Director to discuss two contracts on behalf of Edd Helms.

II. Opinions

02-175: Commission found that there is no legal conflict that prohibits the Mayor of North Miami from volunteering time to assist the Building and Zoning Department, but the Commission recommended that in order to minimize any perceived conflicts or questions of impropriety, the Mayor should not engage in this activity.

03-06: Commission found that North Bay Village Councilman may engage in fundraising activities and accept unsolicited contributions on behalf of a nonprofit organization provided he act in accordance with a set of fundraising guidelines established by the Ethics Commission.

03-09: Commission found that members of the Overall Tenant Advisory Council (OTAC) are prohibited from taking official action when their personal financial interests are involved, which bars council members from appointing themselves and their family members as paid Floor Guardians.

03-14: Commission found that partner of firm which provides accounting and consulting services is not precluded from contracting with the County because his mother's job responsibilities as a receptionist in the Office of the County Commission do not require her to be involved in any aspect of the contract award or administration.

03-18: Commission found that MIS Division Chief for County Department of Water and Sewer Department may serve on a Technical Advisory Committee when a former employer has submitted a proposal on account of the fact division chief's employment with the firm was twenty years ago and she owns only four shares of stock in this multinational corporation.

03-19: Commission found that Head Start centers may accept gifts from a county contractor for the children because such gifts are covered under the “official county business” exception to the Code of Ethics Ordinance.

03-20: Commission found that a carpenter for Jackson Health Systems can become certified as a Disadvantaged Business enterprise and may contract with the County, with the exception of the Public Health Trust.

03-24: Commission found that APCTE may serve as Program Manager for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program with the Water and Sewer Department because the firm’s previous work with WASD is not related to this program.

03-25: Commission found that PBSJ may serve as Program Manager for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program at Water and Sewer Department because the scope of its prior work does not conflict with the scope of work for this program. However, PBSJ may not supervise any firm that it is currently subcontracting or partnering with on another contract and an affiliated firm may not work on any phase of the Lateral program.

03-27: Commission found that County employee is permitted to contract with the county to provide Section 8 housing.

03-28: Commission found that owner of a real estate development company which specializes in developing affordable housing and consulting with non-profit housing groups would be barred from accepting employment with the City of Miami’s Department of Community Development as its Assistant Director as long as he has ventures and other development projects with City of Miami’s Department of Community Development.

03-30: Commission found that Peer Consulting may serve as Program Manager for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program at Water and Sewer Department because its prior work does not conflict with its current work.

03-31: Commission found that Brown and Caldwell may serve as Program Manager for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program at Water and Sewer Department as its prior work does not conflict with its current work.

03-32: Principal planner for the Department of Planning and Zoning may serve as member of the county’s Biscayne Bay Shoreline Committee.

03-33: Commission found that Earth-Tech may serve as a team member for the APM Mover Project at the airport but must relinquish any FDOT coordination responsibilities with the Aviation Department related to the MIC project.

03-35: Commission found that Cardozo Engineering may serve as a member of a Program Management team in Water and Sewer Department because its prior work with WASD does not conflict with its duties as a member of the Program Management team for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program.

03-36: Commission found that Hazen and Sawyer may serve as Program Manager for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program because its prior work at the Water and Sewer Department does not overlap with the Program Manager's responsibilities.

III. Arete Awards

The recipients of the Third Annual Arete Awards were announced. The winners are as follows:

Business of the Year	Carroll's Jewelers
Program of the Year	Center for Community Involvement (MDCC)
Nonprofit Organization	Greater Miami Service Corps
Volunteer Advocate(s)	Jean S. Logan and Stanley G. Tate